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'Meet and Greet' Monday

This group of Italians from northern Italy arrived in Kendallville Thursday and will be staying until April 14. The public is invited to a "Meet and Greet" from 4-6 p.m. Monday at the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce. Ten Kendallville, Ligonier, Wolcottville and Auburn families are hosting the Italians. Their visit, arranged by Grace Housholder of Kendallville, and Cathy Linsenmayer of Ivrea, Italy, and Rome City (Sylvan Lake) is called CIAO – Creating Indiana/Italy Adventure Opportunities. CIAO (which means "hello" or "good-bye" in Italian) is a grassroots project.

Many of the participants are AFS volunteers in Italy and Indiana. AFS, an international exchange organization, was founded 60 years ago in Italy. The Hoosier hosts will be visiting the Italians in June 2008. Seated in front are Carla Rho, Gloria Defilippi, Marily Cianchetti and Anna Trompetto. Standing in back are Gian Lorenzo Rossetti, Niccolo Rossetti, Roberto Marietta, Cathy Linsenmayer, Patricia Proschwitz, Mario Cester and Daniela Termine. Not pictured are Irene Fascetto Sivillo and Deepthi Martinet.